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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, replace the paragraph between lines 15 - 29 with the following:

The design of methylation specific primers may be carried out using software such as "Primo MSP 3.4." It is preferred that the design of methylation specific primers be carried out according to the following guidelines: